

# YEAR 7 SCOOP!



Cross Country - 26 Mar  
Success Morning Tea - 31 Mar  
Mini Pop Up Shop - 1 Apr  
Parent Teacher Interviews - 1 Apr  
Activities Day/Last Day of Term - 2 Apr  
Term 2 Starts - 20 Apr

## IMPORTANT DATES



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### WELLINGTON SWIMMING

Congratulations to our Yr students who participated in the Wellington swimming champs this month. Well done, Violet, Porcha, Sadie, Flossy and Edward.



## AROUND THE SCHOOL



Tic Tac Toe Making



Fresh Pasta Making

**Yarram Secondary College**

### YEAR 7 MEET & GREET

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
6:00pm-7:30pm  
Location: Yarram Secondary College, Hot House

**SESSIONS:**

**6:00pm-6:45pm:**  
3x 10 minute sessions on:  
• Using Compass  
• Disability and Inclusion  
• Wellbeing & the Teenage Brain

**6:45pm-7:30pm:**  
• Meet & Greet with Year 7 Teachers

**COME SAY HI!**

Call Front Office

Yr 7 Meet & Greet



Harmony Week



Swimming Champs

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## JACK WESTON



As they say, time flies when you're having fun!

It's hard to grasp that we are almost at the end of Term 1, which signals the end of the first term as secondary students for our Year 7 students. Over the past few weeks, we've had Year 7 students represent the College at interschool swimming and interschool shooting events. Another major milestone was the completion of NAPLAN over the past two weeks. Despite a false start on day 1, it was fantastic to witness the positive mindset our Year 7 students tackling the four NAPLAN tests. Each student persevered through the challenging aspects and gave it their very best. NAPLAN provides useful information to our teaching staff, which allows them to plan and provide support, extension in areas that require further support, or additional challenge.

Next week, our Year 7 students will compete in their first Interhouse Cross Country at the school. The event, which is hosted at the Alberton West Recreation Reserve, will give our Year 7s another opportunity to participate for points (hopefully resulting in a win for the Mighty Eagles). The event runs from 12:30 - 3:00pm on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March.

A reminder that Term 1 concludes on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April at 2:20pm. On this day we will hold end of term activities. Our Year 7s will have the choice of a range of different activities they may like to participate in for the day. More information will be released on Compass and to students this week.



### Success Morning Tea

Our school wide Success Morning Tea is coming up next week. The top performing students from Yr 7 will be invited to join with students from other year levels to celebrate their achievements with a special morning tea and the chance to win a lucky door prize



### NAPLAN

It's a wrap on another successful year of NAPLAN testing. Thanks to all students for participating and showing off our school value of commitment.



## TAHLIA FLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADER

It has been a fantastic first term for our Year 7 cohort, who have settled into middle school life with impressive ease and a genuine sense of excitement to be moving beyond their primary school years. The energy in our mini-home groups is incredibly positive, and it is wonderful to see students already building strong connections across the school, whether they are shooting hoops with older peers in the gym at lunchtime or collaborating with Year 8s during our Friday afternoon cooking activities.

Our Year 7s have also shown great initiative by jumping into a range of extra-curricular opportunities, including school cricket, bike courses, and high-level swimming competitions.

We recently celebrated a very successful Meet and Greet night, where families engaged in informative sessions, met with teachers, and enjoyed the talents of our school band.

As we wrap up this busy term, please do not hesitate to reach out if you would like to touch base; you can call the school or email me directly at [tahlia.flake@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:tahlia.flake@education.vic.gov.au).



# attendance matters every day

YSC is committed to engaging students in our school community by fostering connection and inclusion. Students who attend every day develop critical social, emotional, and academic skills, which maximise their potential.

Consistent attendance promotes connection and positive mental health for vulnerable young people, this is why it is a government focus. It is a focus for Yarram Secondary College because we care about all of the students who attend our school. School attendance, and raising awareness about the importance of attending school, not just for academic continuity but for better life long physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing, is a core YSC objective for 2026.

So, if we reach out to let you know that your child has missed more than one continuous day of school, it is because we care, not just for the short term, but for the long term.

Every day matters, because every child matters.

## SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT SCIENCE



Things are heating up in the Year 7 Science labs as our newest scientists trade their pencils for Bunsen burners. Year 7s have been busy mastering the 'Science Skills' essentials, transforming from lab novices into safety pros. From learning the secret language of lab equipment to perfecting the high-stakes art of lighting a burner without a singe, our budding researchers have been seen meticulously measuring volumes, tracking temperatures, and even timing the rhythmic swing of pendulums to see gravity in action. Whether they were boiling water like pros or carefully heating test tubes, the energy in the room has been electric. Watch out, NASA—Year 7 is coming for you!

## MEET THE TEACHER BIANCA GRIFFITHS



Hello all, my name is Bianca Griffiths or you might know me as Miss G.

I teach Year 7 science. My favourite thing about teaching Science is the student's curiosity, their enthusiasm to learn about new things, and their willingness to participate in class discussions and ask questions.

I have been a classroom teacher at YSC since 2023, prior to then I was a casual relief teacher at the school.

Whilst I grew up in Melbourne, I have called Yarram home for over 20 years. When I am not at school I am on adventures with my little dog Bobbie or watching quiz shows.

I work part time, Wednesday to Friday and can be contacted via email, [bianca.griffiths@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bianca.griffiths@education.vic.gov.au) or via phone 5182 5522.

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## Harmony Week

Harmony Week is a week dedicated to celebrating cultural diversity, promoting inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone, and we certainly saw YSC students celebrating. Harmony Week saw an assortment of special foods served from the canteen window and the opportunity for students and staff to wear orange or cultural dress. On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, we shared a wonderful multicultural lunch with foods from all over the globe. Staff and students relished cuisine including sushi, spanakopita, samosa, pizza, croissants, nachos, laminations, ANZACs and much, much more. Thanks must go to the middle year student voice team for this fabulous initiative and to all students and staff who joined in on the activities to show our respect and appreciation of our diversity and rich multicultural connections.



# STUDENT CLUBS



## 2026 STUDENT CLUBS

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A GREAT CLUB?  
TELL A CLASS CAPTAIN OR ADD YOUR SUGGESTION TO THE BOX IN THE LIBRARY

### Monday:

Book club 1pm in the library with Kylie

### Wednesday:

Game club 1pm in the library with Kylie

Word works 1pm in Rm 10 with an English staff member

Art Club 1pm in Rm 21 with an Art staff member

Walk 'n' Talk 1pm from the Inclusion Space with Michael T

### Thursday:

Yarn (knit) club 1pm in Rm 2 with Mel

### Friday:

Debating club 1pm in Rm 9 with Ms Heber

Finnish Baseball club 1pm on the front oval with Mx Jumpponen

The **Gym** is open for sports everyday of the week at lunchtime.

Chat with Ms Palmer if you have an interest in playing **music**.



## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday, April 1st, from 4:00pm – 6:30pm.

Interview bookings are NOT open yet. They will open via the Compass booking system next Wednesday (March 25th at 9am).

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## PIVOT Wellbeing Survey

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# POSITIVE PELICANS



The Positive Pelican certificates are awarded throughout the term to students who receive the most positive feedback and display their PelicAN DO attitude. This term's recipients are:

Week 3: Lexie Anderson, Huntley Stephens-Wilkinson, and Porcha Linklater

Week 5: Sam Freeman, Matty Selzer, and Flossy White

Week 7: Lexie Anderson, Huntley Stephens-Wilkinson and Macy Sampson

Thanks for showing us your integrity, commitment and empathy.

## INTEGRITY

We are honest with ourselves and others.  
We own our actions.  
We demonstrate trust, honesty & respect.



## COMMITMENT

We commit to being kind.  
We commit to doing our best.  
We commit to looking after our environment.



## EMPATHY

We put ourselves in other people's shoes.  
We support others during tough times.  
We communicate positively.

